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by **Liz Lietz**, MRA President-Elect and 2024 Conference Chair

As we transition from one calendar year to the next, we reflect on the past *and* look to the future.

During 2023, the Michigan Reading Association has grown its membership, convened a successful conference for its members, curated powerful stories and articles for the *Michigan Reading Journal* and *Kaleidoscope*, bestowed awards upon authors, educators and literacy champions, and supported connections through community networking and learning opportunities. The MRA Executive Board continues to plan for a joyful, engaging year ahead in 2024.



Liz Lietz

I am grateful for small, everyday moments that have brought me joy this year: finding time to read a few chapters in a good book; journaling; sharing a meal with a friend; playing a board game with my children; spying a rainbow after a summer storm.

I am grateful for every MRA member who supports literacy in their school and community. I am grateful for family, friends and colleagues who love and challenge me. It has been a pleasure to read through the session proposals and to hear about the wonderful ways this literacy community is bringing JOY to students.

Looking forward, I am honored to invite speakers, presenters, authors and participants to our spring conference in the service of Discovering Joy!

To that end, we need you to lend YOUR voice to our final stage of planning. Please use the links below to share something for which YOU are grateful, and we will display the collection at the spring conference and on our digital and social platforms. We also invite you to share a song that makes you feel JOYFUL—we will use your submissions to create a conference playlist to help us Discover JOY together!

Sincerely,

Liz Lietz
MRA President-Elect
2024 Conference Chair



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